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BOY BURGLAR SHOT TO DEATH.

Two Policemen Blazed at
Him While He
Dodged.

Partial Success of the Blue-
coats' Plan to Round Up
Three Robbers.

One Killed, Another Held by a Plucky
Citizen, but the Third Made
His Escape.

THE SCENE WAS NEAR BROADWAY.

One of the Shooting Policemen Was Becker,
of Stephen Crane Fame, but Whether
His Bullet Caused the Death
Is Not Known.

A boy burglar was shot by a policeman
in the Tenderloin Precinct soon after dawn
yesterday. His name may or may not have
been John O'Brien. His captured comrade
in crime says that it was.

He may have been twenty, but he
looked no more than a boy as he lay in the
Morgue—a slim, smooth-faced boy, with
gray eyes and a girlish mouth.

Strange to say, there is a doubt as to
which of the two policemen killed him.
The presumption is that it was Carey, who
fired the fatal ball through the fleeing boy's
back, but Becker is willing to admit that
a shot of his own, fired half a minute be-
fore, may have been the one that brought
the quarry to earth. There was a good
deal of shooting, and no doubt the marks-
men were too excited to note the effect of
their aim very carefully.

Becker is the man who, by arresting a
woman on the street, caused the appear-
ance of Stephen Crane in a police court
the other day. He accepts the situation
philosophically. As for Carey, he is over-
whelmed with horror at the idea of having
killed a man, even in pursuit of what the
police regulations tell him was his duty.
He cried over it as he told the story.

It is a stirring story, and well worth
telling. It was Becker who first detected
the evil-doers. At about 3 o'clock in the
morning he saw three men trying to break
into Hyman Basch's cigar store, at No.
1330 Broadway. He tried to steal a march
on them, but they saw him in time, and
outran him when he started in pursuit.
At the end of his beat he met Carey, and
told him to look out for three burglarious
men, one of whom was little more than a
boy.

Sighted the Men On Broadway.

A couple of hours later the two police-
men had met again and were talking things
over at the corner of Broadway and Thir-
ty-fifth street, when they caught sight of
three men, one of whom was carrying a
bundle, leaving the doorway of Albert
Katz's cigar store, at No. 1335 Broadway,
next to the Herald Square Theatre. Becker
and Carey watched them as they turned
south into Thirty-fifth street, and then
concocted a hurried plan of campaign.
Carey was to sprint down Thirty-sixth
street and so head them off at Seventh
avenue. Becker would chase the robbers
down Thirty-fifth street, and drive them
into Carey's arms.

So it fell out. When the three men heard
Becker's heels clattering along the pave-
ment behind them, they broke into a run
and began to draw ahead of their pursuer.
Becker yelled for them to stop, but their
feet only flew the faster. As he trotted
along in their wake he lugged his revolver
out of his pocket and fired two shots in the
air by way of warning. The fugitives must
have considered their sprinting powers
superior to police marksmanship, for they
kept on running. The boyish looking bur-
glar, however, evidently thought it a wise
precaution to lighten himself, for he threw
the bundle into the roadway, and in a few
seconds thereafter had gained a dozen yards
on his companions.

A few paces further on one of the robbers
ran into a man who was walking in the
opposite direction. The force of the colli-
sion threw both men off their feet, and be-
fore the burglar could jump up again the
policeman was upon him. Becker clouted
him over the head with his club to take
some of the activity out of him, and then
handed him over to the astonished and
dubious citizen, with strict instructions that
the prisoner should be held tight.

Counter Attack on the Burglars.

That much accomplished, Becker fired an-
other shot after the other two men, but did
not succeed in wounding either of them.

Just then Carey turned the corner from
Seventh avenue, eager for the fray. See-
ing this flank attack, the youngster who
had thrown away the bundle ran from the
north to the south side of the street, like
a skilful football player dodging to reach
the goal. Becker, who had resumed the
chase, shouted to Carey to head off the
boy, while he followed the third man, who
had turned the corner and sped west along
Seventh avenue.

Even as he spoke, Becker fired one more
shot at the fled lad, whom Carey was man-
euvering to intercept. The runner did
not falter, but men have been known
to perform feats of activity and strength
after being mortally wounded. That is
why neither Becker nor Carey is prepared to
swear which of them killed the boy bur-
lar.

Across the street, and reached the corner
about ten feet ahead of the fugitive. The
latter as swift as a coyote, doubled in his
tracks, and darted across the street again,
ducking to avoid the heavy nightstick
which Carey sent whizzing through the
air at his head.

Then Carey pulled his gun and fired a
couple of shots. The first one, he says,
he fired in the air; the second he fired
point blank at the boy burglar's back, and
the boy burglar threw up his arms and fell
like a log.

Save His Victim Die.

Carey was not more than twenty feet
away from the lad when he fired, and he
was beside him in an instant. Indeed, he was
just in time to see the boy burglar die, with
a gush of blood from his lips. Perhaps
that was what made Carey cry so bitterly
later in the day, when the young robber's
body was lying in the police station, before
it had been taken to the Morgue.

As for Becker, his luck had deserted him.
Half way up the block the third man dis-
appeared into a doorway and made good his
escape. Remembering the advice about a
bird in the hand, Becker did not waste time

DEATH CAME OVER TELEPHONE WIRE.

Edwin L. Brown Struck by
Lightning as He Sat in
a Grocery Store.

Bolts Darted from All Parts of
the Instrument and Seemed
to Enter His Head.

Knocked to the Floor Senseless and
Died Without Regaining Con-
sciousness.

TWO YOUNG GIRLS ALSO SHOCKED.

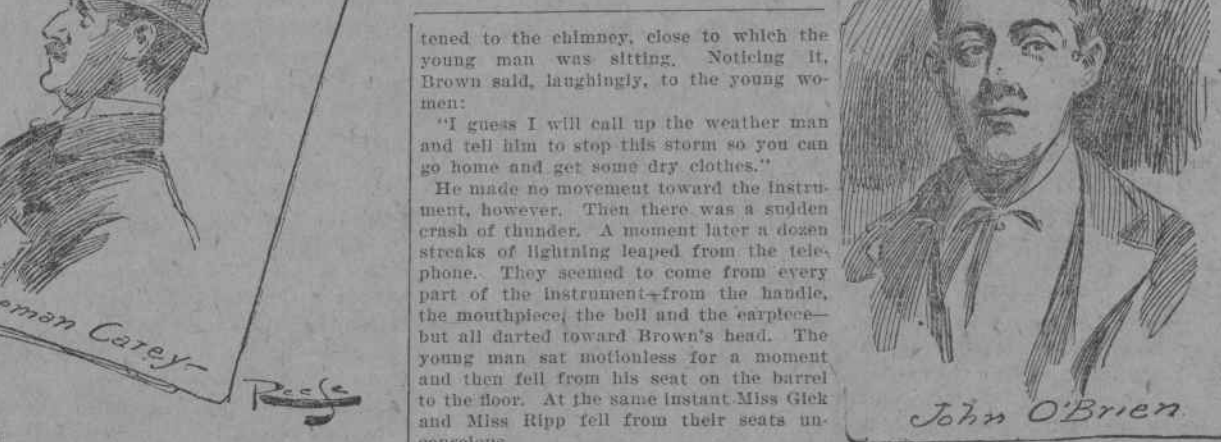
Party Had Been to a Ball Game at Union-
ville and Sought Shelter in the
Place from Saturday's
Storm.

Bolts of lightning darting from a tele-
phone near which he was sitting caused
the instant death of Edwin L. Brown Sat-



urday night. Two young women who, like
himself, had taken refuge from the storm
in the railway station at Unionville were
rendered unconscious, but recovered after
a time. Several other persons who were in
the room felt the force of the shock.
Brown, who was nineteen years of age,
had been spending two weeks in Union-
ville. Saturday was the last day of his
vacation, and today he was to have re-
sumed his duties as chief clerk in a dry
goods store at White Plains. He had made
many friends in Unionville during his stay,
and Saturday afternoon a party was made
up to go to a ball game in the neighbor-
hood.
As the game was nearly finished the
storm was seen approaching. Brown, with
a number of others, left the field and start-
ed for the village. They were nearly there
when the rain began to fall, and they
sought shelter in the railway station. This
is in a general store owned by Alfred Cox.
In one end is the railway ticket, the tele-
graph and the post office. The main room
is given up to a general store.
Around three sides of the room are coun-
ters and shelving stocked with the goods
common to a country store. In the centre
of the room is a square brick chimney,
around which stood several barrels of

THE SLAYING OF A YOUNG BURGLAR BY THE POLICE.



tened to the chimney, close to which the
young man was sitting. Noticing it,
Brown said, laughingly, to the young wo-
men:
"I guess I will call up the weather man
and tell him to stop this storm so you can
go home and get some dry clothes."
He made no movement toward the instru-
ment, however. Then there was a sudden
crash of thunder. A moment later a dozen
streaks of lightning leaped from the tele-
phone. They seemed to come from every
part of the instrument—from the handle,
the mouthpieces, the bell and the earpiece—
but all darted toward Brown's head. The
young man sat motionless for a moment
and then fell from his seat on the barrel
to the floor. At the same instant Miss Glick
and Miss Ripp fell from their seats un-
conscious.

For a minute every one in the room was
too frightened to realize what had happened.
Then Alfred Cox regained his senses and
tried to raise the bodies of the young
women. There were no signs of life in
either of them or in Brown, and some one
at once rushed out for medical aid.

Dr. Swift was found and hurried back to
the place. He at once examined the young
women and found that they were alive.
Restoratives were applied and as they be-
gan to show signs of regaining conscious-
ness, the physician turned his attention
to Brown. His efforts in this case were
fruitless, as the young man's heart had al-
most ceased beating. The physician did all
in his power, but in less than ten minutes
the young man was dead.

As quickly as possible the young man's
parents, who live in Tuckahoe, were noti-

fied. The Coroner was also summoned, and
as soon as he arrived a jury was secured to
view the body, which was afterward taken
to Tuckahoe.

When an examination was made of the
telephone it was found that it had been
rendered utterly useless. The telephone in-
struments in the end of the room had also
been burned out. Aside from this the store
showed no signs of what had happened.

"The bolt of lightning must have struck
the telephone and telegraph wires some dis-
tance from the house," said Mr. Cox.
"Neither the thunder nor the lightning
seemed especially severe just before Brown
was killed, and I think the current must
have passed some distance before it entered
the building."

Considered from a commercial and industrial standpoint,
the United States are freer by far in their movements than any
nation of Europe, and hence if the people of the United States
should find it compatible with their interests to take independent
action in the direction of bimetalism, I cannot but believe that
such action would exert a most salutary influence upon the con-
summation of international agreement, and the coming into this
league of every European nation.

Assuring you of my highest respect, I remain, your most obedient
servant,
BISMARCK.

JOHN BOYD THACHER DECLARES FOR GOLD.

He Writes an Open Letter to
Chairman Danforth Indorsing
Bryan and Sewall;

But After a Conference with Senator Hill at
Wolfert's Roost He Decides to Ignore
the Chicago Platform.

Letter Looked Upon by Many of Thacher's Friends as an
Inspiration of Hill—the Buffalo Candidate Declares
His Words Came from His Heart.

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 20.—John Boyd Thacher to-night gave out a letter
defining his position regarding the nomination for Governor given him by the
Democratic State Convention.

Mr. Thacher in his letter says that his views on the financial question are
now as they were when he delivered his speech as temporary chairman of the con-
vention at Saratoga, which sent gold delegates to the Democratic National Con-
vention. In that speech Mr. Thacher spoke of the free silver movement as found-
ed on a fallacy and bound to work the destruction of the nation's credit and
strength.

Mr. Thacher strongly indorses Bryan and Sewall, saying that the nomination
were made by a regular national convention, in whose work the New York State
delegates participated and acquiesced in the result. No mention is made of the
Chicago platform. Mr. Thacher indorses every State issue raised in the Buffalo
platform and makes a strong denunciation of Platism.

The position taken by Mr. Thacher caused astonishment among his warmest
Democratic friends when it was rumored this afternoon that he did not indorse
the Chicago platform.

Mr. Thacher said to-night:
"Perhaps my statement may cause a big row, but I cannot help it.
I write what I believe. My words come from my heart."

Mr. Thacher gave out his statement at the Argus office to-night at 11 o'clock.
He went there from Wolfert's Roost, where he had been in conference with Sen-
ator Hill and Major James W. Hinkley. Mr. Thacher drove into town from his
home, Altamont, on a sudden impulse, or else a message from Senator Hill
brought him to town to make ready the statement. Mr. Thacher says, however,
that his statement was all prepared before he reached Wolfert's Roost.

The statement is addressed to Elliot Danforth, chairman of the State Com-
mittee, and Mr. Thacher says his letter is hurried out to-night so that the
State committeemen may be aware of his position before the meeting on Tues-
day night.

An interested assemblage of Mr. Thacher's friends was given a flying bulle-
tin of the Mayor's course just after the statement was issued, and these friends
were surprised at the position taken by the candidate. The declaration was
made that Mr. Thacher, advised by Hill and others, was making a bold bid for
the indorsement of the gold Democrats who meet in State Convention at Brook-
lyn on Thursday. Senator Hill is blamed for the position taken by Mr. Thacher,
for it is a well-known fact that Mr. Thacher has been wholly guided by the
Senator since Thacher's candidacy was first broached.

At Mr. Thacher's country house orders were given that Mr. Thacher was at
home to no one but Senator Hill. On Saturday Mr. Thacher secretly came to
town, avoided his usual haunts, and drove to Senator Hill's house, where the
statement was talked over. Mr. Thacher then went home and came to-night
to Hill's, with the statement prepared. The attitude of Mr. Thacher after many
consultations with Hill, leads to the belief that the latter will try to preserve his
Democracy by indorsing Bryan and Sewall and refusing to accept the Chicago
platform. Before giving out his statement of acceptance Mr. Thacher had a
long conversation with Judge D. Cady Herrick over the telephone in reference
to the statement, but Mr. Thacher made no changes in his manuscript.

Elliot Danforth and Frank Adams Acer, of New York, saw Senator Hill to-
day also. Mr. Danforth asked Senator Hill's advice concerning the starting of
the campaign. Mr. Acer talked of the coming meeting of the Democratic Club
of New York City, of which ex-Governor Roswell P. Flower is president, when
a sub-committee will report against indorsing the Chicago ticket and platform.
Mr. Acer will endeavor to defeat or table the report.

THACHER'S LETTER.

He Defines His Position in Regard to His
Nomination by the Democratic Con-
vention at Buffalo for Governor.

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 20.—Mayor John
Boyd Thacher this evening gave out the
following statement:

"Albany, N. Y., Sept. 19, 1896.

"Hon. Elliot Danforth, Chairman of the
State Democratic Committee, New York
City:

"Dear Sir: I am informed by the public

press and by individual delegates that the
Democratic party of the State, in conven-
tion assembled at Buffalo, on September 17,
1896, did me the honor of naming me as its
candidate for the high office of Governor. I
now learn that the State Committee is to
meet on Tuesday for the purpose of ap-
pointing a committee to officially notify me
of that fact. It has seemed to me due to
your committee that before it takes that
step I should make a statement.

"I cannot ask for the confidence
and support of the people of the

BISMARCK FOR SILVER.

He Says Independent Free Coinage by this Country
Would Have a Most Salutary Effect.

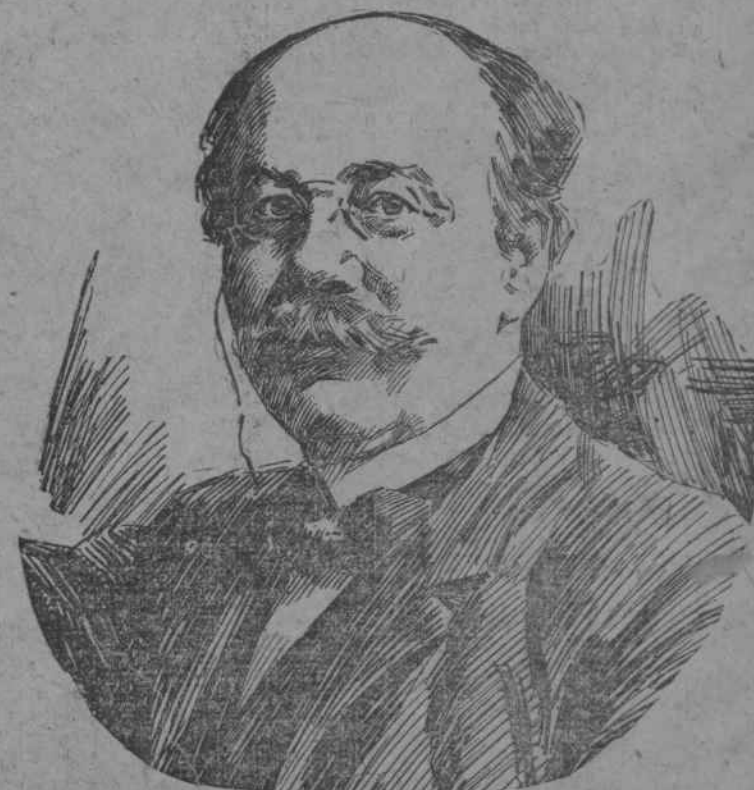
Dallas, Tex., Sept. 20.—Governor Culberson on July 1 wrote to Prince Bis-
marck, asking for his views on bimetalism and the likelihood of the United
States Government being able to adopt and maintain such a financial policy
independent of any other nation. Prince Bismarck answered as follows:
Friedrichsruhe, Aug. 24, 1896.

Honored Sir:

Your esteemed favor of July 1 has been duly received. I have always
had a predilection for bimetalism, but I would not, while in office, claim
my views of the matter to be infallibly true when advanced against the
views of experts. I hold to this very hour that it would be advisable to
bring about between the nations chiefly engaged in the world's com-
merce a mutual agreement in favor of the establishment of bimetal-
lism.

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JOHN BOYD THACHER.
Democratic nominee for Governor of New York.

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